

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2003-329-G - ORDER NO. 2003-691
DECEMBER 1, 2003

IN RE:	Application of South Carolina Pipeline)	ORDER APPROVING
	Corporation for Approval of Agreement for)	AGREEMENT <i>VOJ</i>
	the Provision of an Experimental Resale Firm)	
	Service and Transportation Between Clinton-)	
	Newberry Natural Gas Authority and South)	
	Carolina Pipeline Corporation.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Application of South Carolina Pipeline Corporation (Pipeline, the Company, or SCPC) for approval of an Agreement for the provision of Experimental Resale Firm Service and Transportation Service between Pipeline and Clinton-Newberry Natural Gas Authority (the Authority).

The Commission's Executive Director instructed the Company to publish a Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation. The Company complied with the instructions of the Executive Director. No protests or applications to intervene were received.

Under the terms of the Agreement, SCPC is to provide the Authority with a combination of Distributor Firm Service (DS-1 Service) and, on an experimental basis, Resale Firm Transportation Service (RFT Service). The term is initially for two (2) years, commencing on December 1, 2003, with automatic one-year renewals unless terminated by either party. DS-1 service will be subject to Rate Schedule DS-1 of

SCPC's Gas Tariff. RTF Service is not offered under any rate schedule of general applicability. This agreement does not provide that SCPC will temporarily release to Clinton-Newberry, on a non-recallable basis, upstream transportation rights for use in conjunction with the RFT Service. A copy of the Agreement between SCPC and the Authority shall be maintained at the offices of Commission.

S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-5-240(G) (Supp. 2002) states in part that the Commission may allow rates or tariffs to be put into effect without a hearing upon order of the Commission when such rates or tariffs do not require a determination of the entire rate structure and overall rate of return, or when the rates or tariffs do not result in any rate increase to the public utility, or when the rates or tariffs are for experimental purposes. We find that all three of these criteria are met in the present case, and therefore we will proceed to rule on this matter without a hearing.

We have examined the terms and conditions of the proposed Agreement and find that approval of the Agreement is appropriate under these circumstances. The RFT portion of the contract will be beneficial to both the Authority and the Company. The Authority will be able to transport gas at a reasonable rate, and the Company will continue its progress in the development of its experimental firm transportation services. In short, the Agreement is beneficial to all parties and to the public at large. We therefore approve the Agreement.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Mignon L. Clyburn, Chairman

ATTEST:



Bruce Duke, Acting Executive Director

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